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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2010, reconsideration is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. This Response/Amendment is being filed within the shortened three-month statutory period of time for reply ending on January 20, 2011.

No fees are believed to be due.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Paper.